

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Domestic Violence Team convicts 3 defendants of assault charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted three defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court on February 3, 2016. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Lee Rice, 46, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Lee was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Lee's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Lee must serve 6 months in the Mecklenburg County Jail, wear an electronic monitor for 6 months upon his release from jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Trevor Werts, 22, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Werts was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Werts' successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Werts must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Marcoleon Hill, 30, pled guilty to assault on a female. Hill was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Hill's successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Hill must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

*Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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